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My dear friend

A gentle Breath of Mercy has wafted this Way the News that the hitherto untameable Fisher Proof, after a severe Wound from a Pair of bright Eyes, has been caught, caged, & tamed; & in a fair Way to become as valuable a Member of Society as the Rest of us family Men, — In sober Earnest, my dear Gray, I rejoice sincerely that it is so: this was the one thing needful to put the top-stone of Comfort to your present eligible Position in Society; & I fervently hope that you & your Hearts' chosen one may have many Years of mutual Happiness & Usefulness before you. May you be striking Illustrations of what the Class Monaccia should be: One House, one Heart, one Hope. — Dear John's letter 11th inst. did not reach me in due Course, as I went up the North River on Saturday to fetch home my eldest Boy, who had been on a fortnight's Visit to an Aunt of his. I take the earliest opportunity to attend to your Wish about Onosmodium, hoping

that the lapse of one day may not cause Incon-
-venience. I have only 4 Spec^{ies} of the genus in
my Herbar^{ium}, I send herewith a leafy flower of
each. My Florida Spec^{ies} is but a poor one; it
looks different from the rest. The Lebanon Spec^{ies}
differs a good deal in pubescence from yours; the
others I presume to be the same as yours.
If any "Quiddities" are found with concerning
them, I should like to have an inkling
thereof.

Once more, best wishes & felicitations

to you Dear Gray, believe me

truly Y^{our} friend

S. J. Conroy

